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President:	Mr. Dangue Réwaka	(Gabon)
Members:	Argentina	Mr. Petrella
	Bahrain	Mr. Buallay
	Brazil	Mr. Cordeiro
	Canada	Mr. Fowler
	China	Mr. Qin Huasun
	France	Mr. Dejammet
	Gambia	Mr. Jagne
	Malaysia	Mr. Rastam
	Namibia	Mr. Andjaba
	Netherlands	Mr. van Walsum
	Russian Federation	Mr. Granovsky
	Slovenia	Mr. Türk
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Jeremy Greenstock
	United States of America	Ms. Soderberg

Agenda

The situation in Angola

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA) (S/1999/49)

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The meeting was called to order at 12.20. p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*spoke in French*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Angola and Portugal in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite those representatives to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Coelho Da Cruz (Angola) took a seat at the Council table; Mr. Monteiro (Portugal) took the seat reserved for him at the side of the Council Chamber.

The President (*spoke in French*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the report of the Secretary-General (S/1999/49) of 17 January 1999 on the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA).

Members of the Council also have before them document S/1999/521, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by Canada, Portugal, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

I should like to draw the attention of the members of the Council to documents S/1999/147 and S/1999/509, which contain the text of letters dated 12 February 1999 and 4 May 1999, respectively, from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 864 (1993) concerning the situation in Angola addressed to the President of the Security Council.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/521) before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Gabon, Gambia, Malaysia, Namibia, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Slovenia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President (*spoke in French*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1237 (1999).

I shall now call on those members of the Council who wish to make statements following the voting.

Ms. Soderberg (United States): The United States strongly supports the resolution before us today. This resolution demonstrates the Council's resolve to ensure that the sanctions imposed against UNITA are implemented fully. Only through the implementation of these sanctions can the international community diminish UNITA's war-making ability and improve the prospects for a political settlement of this conflict, a conflict that continues to exact a painful toll on the people of Angola.

The United States welcomes and expresses its appreciation for the initiative of Ambassador Fowler, Chairman of the Angola sanctions Committee, who will travel to countries in the region over the next several weeks to discuss ways to improve the implementation of sanctions against UNITA.

The United States also welcomes the establishment of expert panels to investigate sanctions violations, and we hope to provide personnel for them. However, we must clarify our understanding of the budgetary provisions of this resolution. We understand that the

expenses of these panels will be met primarily from a United Nations Trust Fund established for this purpose and through the redeployment of existing resources of the regular budget as necessary. The United States expects to make a contribution to the Fund, and we urge other States to contribute similarly.

The President (*spoke in French*): The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Security Council will remain seized of the matter.

The meeting rose at 12.30 p.m.